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Sir:

Prior to any action on the merits of the accompanying new patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

✓--Insert the Abstract from PCT/FR99/01990, which is attached hereto as a separate

page.--

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, change "1 or 2" to read --1--;